

Why I support bill S826

1. Common Core standards have never been tested or proven to have successful results for our children, which includes my three girls.
2. With Common Core comes non-stop testing for our children. These continuous tests only take away time from which my girls could be learning, instead of feeling like they are failing.
3. Common Core textbooks & teaching has lead our teachers to push our kids to use their brains in a way that they are not developed to function yet. When my girls are continually taught in a manner that they cannot comprehend, it only makes them feel stupid. This "message" is repeated over and over to them weekly, if not daily. How is this good for them?
4. I know my girls feel "stupid" when they are working on math. Just because they cannot do math problems the "Common Core" way, doesn't mean they are stupid! But try explaining that to a 10 year old! My greatest concern with this is that this negative self-talk will form how they think and feel about themselves. It may greatly impact the higher education and careers they choose (or don't choose) for themselves and ultimately, impact the women they become. These early years are very important and will impact my girls tremendously. If they convince themselves that they are terrible in a particular subject (or subjects), they may never pursue paths that could have been very rewarding and successful for them. I feel school should be teaching my girls that they can do anything. That anything is possible, for those who can dream it and work hard for it. But when they cannot learn to do math the "common core" way, when all their homework needs to be "corrected & returned", when they fail their tests and have to miss recess continuously to correct everything, this is not the message that is being given to them. It's the completely opposite and wrong message!
5. I have not even touched on my concerns with history and what Common Core teaching has done to alter history in their textbooks. But I can tell you I want my children to learn the truth, learn the facts. I do not want them being taught only information which supports a particular groups agenda.
5. I feel strongly we should adopt standards that have been tested and have been proven to be highly successful for our children. Thank you for your time today. Please vote YES on S826!

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